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Chebucto work to begin

Drivers urged to take alternate routes for 10-week widening

By **JON TATTRIE**
for Metro Halifax

Rain and resignation swept over Chebucto Road yesterday as residents braced for the start of the controversial road-widening project.

Construction on the reversing lane is set to start Wednesday and last for at least 10 weeks. Motorists can expect major delays as the road will be down to one lane in peak periods. HRM is advising drivers to take alternate routes.

Demonstrations are planned for this week, including tree-top protests. Friday night saw 300 cyclists turn out for a protest ride along Chebucto Road. Police ticketed one man for blocking traffic.

Fran and Bernie O'Hearne have lived on the road for 10 years. The elderly couple are worried about parking issues during the construction and once the wider road is in place, but have accepted that they can't fight city hall.

"We've done what we can," Mrs. O'Hearne said yesterday. "I know other people are going to continue



Rain soaks the protest signs along Chebucto Road yesterday. Construction on the reversing lane starts Wednesday.

on, but ..." she trailed off.

The couple don't know how much, if any, of their property they will lose.

"They haven't offered us anything," Mrs. O'Hearne said, apart from money to allow the city to "trespass" while the work is carried out.

"It's a complete waste of money," Mr. O'Hearne said. "They say \$2.6 million, but it'll go higher than that.

Just leave it as it is — it's perfect the way it is."

Estimates for the project have ranged as high as \$3.9 million. Other locals said the millions could be better spent.

Owen Brush, a NSCAD student, frequently bikes down Chebucto Road. He said there's little in place to encourage people to take bikes or buses over cars.

"It's really symbolic of Halifax's

policy on accommodating cars, but ignoring public transit or bicycles," he said as he sat in the rain waiting for a friend.

The money going to the road widening would be better spent on improving the bus system and buying a few bike racks, he added.

"You can't even lock up your bike or sit on a bench while you're waiting for a bus."

Decision gets firefighters back on job

Appeal panel rules fire crew can come from multiple trucks

By **PAUL MCLEOD**
Metro Halifax

Firefighters are back to work but the dispute that caused them to walk off the job may continue.

Last week firefighters from 14 rural stations across HRM refused to take calls in protest of confusing rules about how many of them

half-hour wait

► Union officials have said firefighters sometimes have to wait up to half an hour for co-workers from other trucks to arrive so they can enter a burning building.

needed to be at the scene of a fire. Occupational Health and Safety Officials had ruled there needs to be at least four firefighters at the scene to engage a structure fire from inside the building.

The Halifax Professional Firefighters union took this to mean each truck should have at least four people — a problem for some of the smaller stations with fewer staff. The municipality believed there only needed to be four in total, regardless of if they came from different trucks.

On Friday a Labour Department appeal panel agreed with the municipality, ruling the firefighters could come from multiple trucks.

That wasn't the decision the firefighters union was hoping for,

but the clarification was enough to get them back to responding to calls. The decision could still be appealed.

"This decision is appealable. That would mean the firefighters union would go to the Nova Scotia Court of Appeal. That would be the next step," said Department of Labour spokeswoman Jacqueline May.

The union has expressed concerns about making up the minimum amount of officers from separate trucks.

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local



A band from Australia will be beating a path down Spring Garden Road today at around 12:20 p.m. The Scots College Pipes and Drum band — who are performing at the Tattoo — will start at the library and march to Victoria Park, and give concerts at both ends. A Canadian Forces Light Armoured Vehicle (LAV) will lead the way. METRO HALIFAX

Shelter does double duty

Adsum seeks aid as it takes in women from Barry House

By LINDSAY JONES
Metro Halifax

A local women's shelter is helping to pick up the pieces after a fire tore through the city's only other shelter for women last month.

Adsum for Women and Children — based in Halifax, Dartmouth and Lakeside — has taken on the immediate need arising from the blaze at Barry House on Gottingen Street.

"Anyone in town who is looking for shelter will now come to us," said Adsum director of development Ellen Helmke.

Adsum took on up to 10 women from Barry House, opening up couches to sleep on and rejigging rooms to accommodate extra people.

"We're overcapacity," Helmke said. "I don't know how long it's going to be, but it's going to take some time (to make the repairs)."

A message on the answering machine of Barry House, which is operated by the Saint Leonard's Society of Nova Scotia, says the shelter is now closed indefinitely due to the fire.

Due to the increased demand at Adsum, Helmke is asking the community for help. They need personal care items like towels, combs and hair brushes, female hygiene



A fire on May 16 extensively damaged Barry House, an emergency shelter for homeless women on Gottingen Street. It's closed indefinitely.

products, underwear and flip-flops. And of course, monetary donations are always welcome.

"They were again homeless as they were before," Helmke said. "Brutal."

Halifax regional fire spokesman Mike LeRue said

trucks responded to the blaze at 2706 Gottingen Street at 12:40 a.m. May 16. One person had to be assisted out of the historic home, but there were no injuries. LeRue said the fire is still under investigation.

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Adsum House

» For information on how to donate to Adsum for Women and Children visit www.adsumforwomen.org.
» Adsum House provided shelter to 591 individuals in 2007, 33 of them children.

Two men stabbed in Bridgewater

By JON TATTRIE
for Metro Halifax

Two men were rushed to hospital after stabbing incidents in Bridgewater early yesterday.

The attacks occurred within five minutes of each other on King Street.

Cops came upon a fight at 2:19 a.m. yesterday near Towne Flowers. The adult male victim was given first aid while police arrested a second person. Just five minutes later, police received a 9-1-1 call to the Dominion and King streets intersection a block away, where officers found a second stabbing victim.

Both victims were taken to hospital, where they underwent surgery. The detained man was later ruled out as a person of interest.

information sought

» Police are asking for the public's help. Anyone with information can call the police directly at 543-2464 or leave a tip anonymously at Crime Stoppers: 1-800-222-8477.

The first victim was in serious but stable condition yesterday and the second was listed in serious condition when he arrived at hospital. There was no update on his condition.

Sgt. John Collyer, acting deputy chief of Bridgewater police service, said police believe the attacks are connected.

"Both victims received stab wounds to the torso," Collyer said yesterday. "We're still looking into it."

Neither of the victims were known to police, Collyer said.

Arrest in Dartmouth stabbing

A stabbed man was found collapsed on the front steps of his Dartmouth home early Saturday. The 37-year-old suffered face wounds and a single stab wound to his torso and is in hospital with serious injuries. Police found him at the 100 block of Pinecrest Drive at 1:50 a.m. A police report said the

attacker is known to the victim.

Yesterday police arrested a 27-year old male in Dartmouth in relation to the incident. He is being charged with assault, assault with a weapon, uttering threats and breach of probation. He is in custody and is set to appear in court today. METRO HALIFAX

»news In Brief

» **DEATH** A 72-year-old man has died from his injuries, a week after he was involved

in a two-vehicle crash. Police do not expect charges to be laid. METRO HALIFAX



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Fire charges imminent

Massive blaze forced evacuation of 5,000 people

By PAUL MCLEOD
Metro Halifax

Someone will be charged with starting the Porters Lake forest fire two weeks ago that burned for days and caused thousands to evacuate their homes. But as for who, how many people, or what charges will be laid is unknown.

Officials for the Department of Natural Resources announced over the weekend that charges were pending stemming from the massive fire, but wouldn't say much else.

RCMP were involved in investigating the fire but it is the department that will be laying the charges under the Forestry Act, rather than the

criminal code. That means the offender or offenders could face up to a \$500 fine or six months in jail or both.

Natural Resources spokeswoman Jennifer Gavin said it wasn't clear when the charges would be laid, but in the meantime the department doesn't want to release much information for fear of jeopardizing the investigation.

"There are charges that are going to be laid on the Porters Lake fire. But we're really not able to say too much about it because we don't want to compromise the charges or the potential conviction," said Gavin.

The fire forced 5,000 people to be evacuated from the Porters Lake, Lake Echo and Mineville areas. Two homes were destroyed while other structures such as garages were also damaged.

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International Tattoo Rehearsal



Performers rehearse yesterday for the Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo, which runs in the Metro Centre from July 1-8.

Airplane diverted to Halifax

By JON TATTRIE
for Metro Halifax

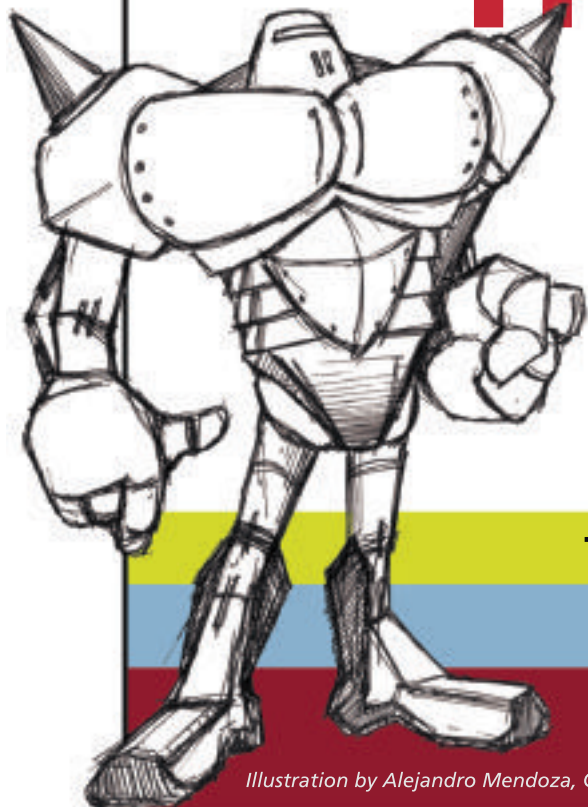
A cracked windshield forced a passenger jet with 272 people on board to divert to Halifax on the weekend.

The US Airways Airbus A330-300 was flying from Philadelphia to Frankfurt, Germany, when pilots noticed the damage to the windscreen just before midnight Friday.

Peter Spurway, spokesman for the Halifax airport, said the 265 passengers and 12 crew landed in Halifax around 2 a.m. They were stuck on the ground until 7 a.m., when a replacement aircraft arrived to continue the journey to Europe. The damaged plane is in Halifax awaiting repairs.

"It's rare," Spurway said of the cracked windshield, noting there was no danger to the passengers. "It was a diversion, not an emergency (landing)."

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Mayor expects swift recovery

Kelly remains in QEII hospital for digestive condition

By JENNIFER TAPLIN
Metro Halifax

Mayor Peter Kelly is anxious to get out of the hospital and

back to work.

Kelly left council meetings on Tuesday to go to the emergency room at the Queen Elizabeth II hospital because of abdominal pain.

He was recently diagnosed with diverticulitis, a digestive condition.

Kelly said it was a relief to

deputy mayor at the helm

» Spryfield-Herring Cove Coun. Stephen Adams, who is also the deputy mayor, is currently filling in for Kelly, who went to hospital Tuesday for abdominal pains.

find out what was wrong with him.

"It's always good to know and I'm glad there won't be

any operations or anything," he said.

"Now I know I have to eat in certain ways and certain

meals."

It can be treated with antibiotics and careful monitoring of his diet, he added.

"They've done the blood tests and other intestinal things and now I'm just waiting for the final permission to leave," the mayor said yesterday from his hospital

room.

"I'm looking forward to getting out and getting back to work."

Kelly said he's hoping his release will come today or tomorrow, and doesn't expect to take much time off to recover at home.

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Grits say province turning 'blind eye' to poverty report

Plan to develop strategy doesn't go far enough: McNeil

By LINDSAY JONES
Metro Halifax

The Liberal party leader slammed the provincial government for failing to act quick enough on recommendations made by its poverty reduction strategy working group.

"My concern is that this government is turning a blind eye to the recommendations that were made (Thursday)," Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil said during a press conference Friday.

The working group, made up of organizations that deal with poverty, handed the government a list of recommendations Thursday.

They include: improving access to transportation, education and training for low-income Nova Scotians; offering more support for the disabled and families with young children; revamping low-income pharmacare programs; changing descriptions of employment and income assistance to a simple program of support; increasing shelter and food rates; and allowing people to earn

more money before it's clawed back.

The community services department announced that same day that an interdepartmental committee will meet in July to develop a strategy, based on the recommendations. It's expected sometime in the new year.

McNeil says that amounts to the government ignoring the recommendations.

"The government should be developing an action plan

« *The government should be developing an action plan based on these recommendations instead of beginning work on another strategy,* »

Liberal Leader
Stephen McNeil

again and help support and create public policy which improves the lives of Nova Scotians and ignore them before they get fed up and say enough is enough?"

McNeil made the comments Friday in recognition of the province's first annual Poverty Reduction Day on Saturday.

Community Services spokeswoman Kristen Tynes said it will take time for government to respond to the recommendations, which took six months to develop. "We're going to review it closely," Tynes said.

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Summer weather Strolling in the rain



Anna Shiel, left, and Beth Ambrose braved Nova Scotia's summer weather of wind, cold and rain yesterday on their visit here from the United Kingdom.

Kearney Lake Road intersection to get full traffic lights

By JON TATTIE
for Metro Halifax

A dangerous intersection on Kearney Lake Road is getting full traffic lights to improve safety.

The intersection between Kearney Lake Road and Broadholme/Castle Hill Drive near Hemlock Ravine

Park has had half-lights for the past three years. That helped pedestrians, but left drivers with a tricky merge from the minor roads.

The full lights will give motorists a chance to safely join the main road.

"I am very pleased, as are residents, that this particular intersection will soon

have full traffic signalization," said Coun. Debbie Hum (Rockingham-Wentworth).

"It will make a significant difference for motorists and pedestrians to have a safer access onto Kearney Lake Road."

HRM is asking motorists and pedestrians to use extra

caution when travelling in the area during the five-week project.

Coun. Hum and Ken Reashor, HRM's manager of traffic services, have also taken concerns regarding Exit 2 on Highway 102 to the Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal Department.

»news In Brief

» **SUSPECTS** Police dogs tracked down two suspected burglars hiding in the woods in Halifax last week. A man returned to his home on Saskatoon Drive, off Kearney Lake Road, at 4 p.m. Thursday to see a teen fleeing. He discovered a screen had cut off a back window, but

the house hadn't been entered. He called RCMP, who brought a K-9 team. The dog sniffed out a second break-and-enter at a nearby house and then two teens hiding in the woods. The males, 17 and 19, were charged with attempted break and enter.

» **AWARDS** Forty-five Halifax Regional Police officers were acknowledged last week at the Police Exemplary Service Awards 2008 Presentation Ceremony, which recognizes officers for exemplary service to the community and nation. Twenty-nine officers received

20-year Exemplary Long Service awards, 15 got 30-year Exemplary Long Service awards and one was presented with the Canadian Peacekeeping Service Medal in relation to a United Nations Peacekeeping Mission.

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It's their turn: Representatives from Dalhousie's Legal Aid Service want to have their say about the Poverty Reduction Strategy. Mark Wolf from Legal Aid and Heather Temple-Fry from the Halifax Coalition Against Poverty are holding a press conference this morning at Province House to discuss what they think of the recommendations to reduce poverty.

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environment

Sierra Club not part of tar ponds group

CLEANUP Representatives from the Sierra Club of Canada believe their constant questioning of the tar ponds cleanup is a reason why they do not sit on the agency's community liaison committee.

"Their reasons are scant, they've never ever given us any real reasons for why, but we suspect that the reason is because we ask too many questions that are directly related to the process," said Cape Breton chapter group chair Dan McMullin.

The federal-provincial parties in the Sydney Tar Ponds project first sought nominations for members from various community organizations in 2003. The environmental group submitted an application then and have continued to do so, though they have yet to be selected. **CAPE BRETON POST**

Nova Scotia bobs into Cork at No. 10

By PAUL MCLEOD
Metro Halifax

The Clipper Round the World yacht Race is nearly over, and the penultimate journey was not kind to the Nova Scotia.

The locally-sponsored boat came in last of the ten boats in the race across the Atlantic from Sydney, Cape Breton to Cork, Ireland.

"It's good to finally be here. Since our fantastic send off from Nova Scotia we have encountered all sorts of conditions..." said Nova Scotia skipper Rob McNally. "We had some great hospitality in Nova Scotia and Cork's already giving them a good run for their money."

Nova Scotia finished the 35,000 nautical mile race across the Atlantic early yesterday morning, 13 days after

not over yet

» The overall winner looks to come down to a tight race between New York and rival boat Hull and Humber. New York holds a slim 3.5 point lead in the standings, meaning Hull and Humber will have to beat it by four positions.

leaving Nova Scotia and about eight hours after the leg's winner — New York.

The crews will rest a few days and then set off on one last quick race to Liverpool, where the whole thing kicked off last September. They're expected to arrive Saturday, bringing an end to what was an extraordinary journey for most who took part. The crews of the yachts were made up entirely of amateur sailors, with only the skippers being professionals.



THE NEW GLASGOW NEWS

Craig Mercer picks up a large snapping turtle that was found inside the Investors Group office in New Glasgow Friday morning. Turtles can live for 70 to 100 years, so to have grown this large, the visitor is likely a very mature turtle.

Have shell, will travel

Turtle likely looking for mortgage: Investors Group

It's an ordinary morning. You walk into the office, check your e-mail, return your messages, have a cup of coffee.

Eventually, you make your way to the bathroom. Only problem? It was already occupied Friday morning at Investors Group in New Glasgow — by a large snapping turtle.

"I opened the door and quickly took a step backwards," said Mike MacKean. "I yelled for everyone to come and look at this."

The turtle, which measures about a foot from tip to tail, was just hanging out on the floor. There's no way it could have climbed up through the sewers, say the staff; it's simply too big to get through the toilet. How it made its way into the men's washroom is unknown.

"Not a clue how it got in, it's not exactly stealth-like,"

steer clear

» If you encounter a turtle in the wild, Blinn suggests people steer clear — they snap and have claws they're not afraid to use.

» "They're not very happy if they're approached," Blinn said. "They're very strong."

said MacKean. "It's a bit of a mystery, in fact."

When asked if the turtle's mysterious appearance was a practical joke, the Investors Group staff say they're not responsible.

"If it is a joke, it's a great one," MacKean said.

Craig Mercer, another consultant at Investors Group, speculated that perhaps the turtle was there for business purposes.

"It's just a typical Friday here — we get all kinds looking for some safe investment advice, maybe she's looking for a mortgage for her shell," Mercer said with a chuckle.

Mercer put the turtle in a paper box — the turtle's big

enough to nearly fill it — and plans to bring it out towards Hopewell and release it near the water.

"It's guaranteed the fastest it's ever travelled — maybe I should prop it up on the dash and let it look out," Mercer said.

According to the Department of Natural Resources, this is the time of year turtles head out for greener pastures — or, rather, gravel. Turtles lay their eggs in gravel, often on the side of the road. Allan Blinn, area supervisor, speculated that the turtle was looking for a spot to lay its eggs and found a spot near the Investors Group.

From there, he said, it may have wandered in — or perhaps was helped along as part of a joke.

Although Blinn doesn't have any data on the local turtle population, three turtles have been brought in to the DNR office in McLellan's Brook already this week for re-release.

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Canada's 13th case of mad cow disease, discovered earlier this week, was born more than five years after Canada banned feed practices thought to cause the disease, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency said Friday.

REUTERS

B.C. to begin carbon tax

Province becomes first in N. America to levy broad fees

Civic leader Scott Nelson

says he is as worried as anyone about global warming, but that does not make him happy to be one of the first North Americans to pay a carbon tax to curb climate change.

Nelson, the mayor of Williams Lake, British Columbia, says record high energy prices mean that the levy, for all its good intentions, could not come at a worse time for residents in his community, north of Vancouver.

"The last thing they need now is a tax on top of these soaring prices to add insult to injury," said Nelson, predicting that a taxpayer revolt will eventually scuttle the new tax, which takes effect on July 1.



Gordon Campbell

support

» Campbell has lent support to the federal Liberal Party's plan to seek a national carbon tax, panned by the Prime Minister.

The tax, on fossil fuels will make B.C. the first in North America to bring in a broad-based levy designed to cut emissions of the greenhouse gases that are blamed for global warming.

Premier Gordon Campbell unveiled the tax in February, calling it a key element in a pledge to cut greenhouse gas emissions by 33 percent by 2020. **REUTERS**

Edmonton Man-made controversy



New York is copying Edmonton, creating its own man-made waterfalls, which is fine by waterfall-creator Peter Lewis, but what riles him is they are claiming they did it first. The Big Apple will have four man-made waterfalls, one off the Brooklyn Bridge, the first the world has seen, according to New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg. Lewis designed an Edmonton waterfall, that was completed in 1980

VICTORIA HANDY/DES/METRO EDMONTON

Inuit hit back at seal protest

Canadians should wear seal-skin to celebrate the country's birthday on July 1, an Inuit leader said on Friday, in defiance of

a European movement to ban the import of Canadian seal products.

"I am quite tired of other people telling us how to live our lives, without taking the time to learn about our culture and way of life," National Inuit leader Mary Simon said. "I am calling on Canadians who support us to get some seal clothing and wear it in a show of solidarity to Inuit and other Canadian sealers on Canada Day."

protests

» Simon said she made the plea in response to plans by animal rights protesters to gather in Brussels and demand a prohibition on seal items

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Up close view of lion hunting habits

Visitors witness gory attack at zoo

By **ANDREW KING**
for Metro Vancouver

Two children are recovering after seeing a lion capture and kill an eagle during their first visit to the Greater Vancouver Zoo, their father said yesterday.

"They've seen lots of nature shows ... it's just different seeing it on TV than it actually happening in front of you," said Pablo Su, a Burnaby resident.

Su, a professional photographer, was in the right place at the right time on Friday

when the zoo's four-year-old golden eagle was killed after being forced into the lion enclosure by three to four swooping crows.

"They were literally within inches of hitting it," said Su. "You could see the feathers ruffle as the crows flew by."

After barely evading attack by two of the lions, the eagle was captured by a third after it waited to pounce, said Su.

"It was a very calculated hunting plan ... I was amazed," he said. "The whole thing happened so fast ... maybe 10 seconds, 15 seconds."

»news In Brief

» **FISHING** The Supreme Court of Canada allowed a native Indian-only fisheries Friday on a key Pacific coast salmon river, rejecting a complaint the policy fostered racial discrimination by not allowing other fishermen.

» **SMOKES** Provincial Police say they captured a truck carrying 1,700 cases of illegal cigarettes on Highway 401 near Ottawa. Police estimate the smokes have a street value of almost \$1.9 million.

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Cities waiting for infrastructure funds

Tories yet to hand out promised federal money

In his 2007 budget, Finance Minister Jim Flaherty promised a windfall for Ontario towns and cities — \$3.1 billion to help pay for highways, water projects and public transit.

Eighteen months later, municipalities have yet to see

a dime. The money, part of Ottawa's Building Canada Fund that earmarks \$8.8 billion for infrastructure nationwide, has been tied up while the federal government negotiates the details with Queen's Park.

Ontario cities aren't alone in waiting. Money from the Building Canada fund has yet to go to cities in Quebec, Alberta or Manitoba because Transport Minister



commitment from feds

» The Federation of Canadian Municipalities can only account for one municipality in Canada actually having a project approved for funding under the program — a \$20-million commitment for an arena complex in Regina.

Lawrence Cannon is still negotiating the required framework agreements with those provincial governments as well.

Municipal officials say they've now lost two construction seasons due to the

funding delays and some fear next season could be in jeopardy, too, unless the hurdles are soon cleared. That's causing mounting frustration as the backlog of work grows and project costs rise.

Frustration among munic-

ipal officials boiled over at the recent annual meeting of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities in Quebec City as federal officials found themselves grilled about the status of the program.

"There's been concerns from the municipal sector about how this money is flowing ... We're appreciative that the money is there and that the gas tax has been made permanent but, at the

end of the day, we need to see that money flowing," said Berry Vrbancovic, who is also 3rd vice-president of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

The Tories recorded budget surpluses of \$13 billion and \$10.2 billion in their first two years in power and there is a widespread desire to see an urban infrastructure deficit estimated at \$123 billion cut back.

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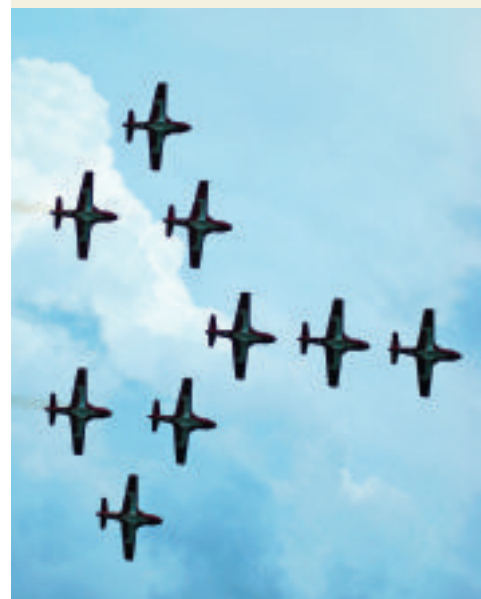
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Ottawa Snowbirds



TIM WIECLAWSKI/METRO OTTAWA

The Snowbirds aerial demonstration team performs its grand finale at AirShow Ottawa yesterday. Despite the draw of attractions like the Snowbirds, airshows like Ottawa's are suffering financially say air enthusiasts.

Shooting shocks family

Ottawa officer being investigated

By TIM WIECLAWSKI
Metro Ottawa

Diane Leclair planned to celebrate her 32nd anniversary yesterday.

Instead she spent the day with grieving relatives, still reeling from shock at a weekend incident that left her younger brother, David Leclair, 35, dead by a Gatineau police officer's gun.

"All we know is that this should not have happened. There was no need for it, not at all," she said.

On Saturday morning, David Leclair returned from a morning roofing job. Then, according to family members, a Gatineau Police officer arrived

and informed Leclair that he was charged with assault.

The officer allegedly followed him inside, where a scuffle ensued. According to Leclair's mother, Dorothy, the officer struck Leclair with a baton and pepper-sprayed him. Leclair ran outside and the officer followed, drawing his gun. Then according to Robert Pombert, who lives across the street, three shots rang out. "I think (the officer) was in shock afterward. Like he just realized what he'd done," said Pombert. "He didn't move. He didn't help him. We had to call the ambulance."

Leclair said the family intends to take legal action against police. An independent investigation is underway.

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Damage control for Alberta oilsands

Ed Stelmach travels to meet with U.S.

By **VICTORIA HANDYSIDES**
Metro Edmonton

Premier Ed Stelmach began meetings yesterday with

Western U.S. governors in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, in an effort to clean up Alberta's "dirty oil" image.

"We want to help correct the record about impressions other people have about Alberta and its commitment to

the environment," said Stelmach's spokesman, David Heyman. "A lot of environmental groups are spreading misinformation about our province."

The rescue mission comes at a bad time for the Premier.

An ad run in Wyoming's largest newspaper today, depicts Stelmach on the face of a fake postcard, inviting the governors he's been meeting for the past two days, to hold their next meeting in a forest-annihilating open mine

spewing smoke,

"He was very disappointed (in the ad)," Heyman said, outside meetings in Wyoming. "It's another example of why we have to be down here to set the record straight."

It's been a rough week for Stelmach's government as last week, Greenpeace launched a mock website offering faux tours of the oil sands, offering travellers black sand beaches and tar sand mud baths.

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Burial ground halts building of B.C. school

By **JOYCE YIP**
for Metro Vancouver

The construction of a New Westminster high school may be halted until the bones of a B.C. First Nations warrior are dug up from its parking lot.

The Tsilhqot'in people say Chief Ahan and possibly hundreds of others lie beneath the New Westminster Secondary School parking lot, which was built on top of the cemetery site in 1948. A new middle school and high school are planned for the site. The Tsilhqot'in people now want DNA samples of all the remains buried underneath.

Chief Ahan was said to be one of the First Nations warriors tricked into arrest and execution without a rightful trial in the Chilcotin War in 1865.

»news In Brief

» **CALGARY** Charges are pending against a 24-year-old Calgary man who accidentally shot himself in the leg with a rifle. The man was trying to clear a round out, police say, when the gun went off and shot him in the leg. He is facing various weapons related charges.

» **TORONTO** For the first time, members of Canada's Armed Forces represented the military in Toronto's annual Gay Pride parade, held Sunday. Lt. Steven Churm, one of 10 soldiers from across the country who marched in uniform, said their presence sends a message that the Canadian military is inclusive and an equal-opportunity employer.

» **EDMONTON** An Edmonton man who is accused of using his job as a driving instructor to recruit female students for two massage parlours was to appear in court today to face charges. Vishva Juneja, 63, who was a licensed instructor with Alberta Defensive Driving School is charged with living off the avails of prostitution.

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world



Smoking bans are an effective way of preventing heart disease, getting cigarette users to quit and protecting children from second-hand smoke, a World Health Organization report issued today says. **REUTERS**

Mugabe sworn in as president

Kenya calls for African Union troop deployment

Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe was sworn in yesterday after being declared overwhelming winner of a one-man election

which observers said was scarred by violence and intimidation.

Mugabe was the only candidate and went ahead with the vote despite a wave of international censure. The United States, which says it is preparing new sanctions, called yesterday for strong



Rice urges action

» U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice yesterday urged China and other powers to back strong steps against Zimbabwe, but China's foreign minister was non-committal on possible U.N.-authorized sanctions.

international action.

Opposition leader Morgan Tsvangirai withdrew a week

ago saying a systematic campaign of violence, which killed nearly 90 of his fol-

lowers, had made a free and fair vote impossible.

The electoral commission said Mugabe won 85.51 per cent of the vote. He had 43.2 per cent in elections in March, which Tsvangirai won with 47.9 per cent — short of the absolute majority needed for a first-round

victory.

Kenya meanwhile, is calling for the African Union to deploy troops in Zimbabwe to resolve the crisis that has become an embarrassment to the continent, Kenya's Prime Minister Raila Odinga was quoted yesterday as saying. **REUTERS**

Olympics

Chinese security program begins

TERRORISM Thousands of security personnel checked Beijing subway passengers for explosives and other banned items yesterday, the first day of a three-month campaign to guarantee Olympic security, state media said.

China has said terrorism is the biggest threat to the Olympic Games opening on Aug. 8, and has introduced a flurry of measures in recent months to boost security.

Iraq

Suicide bomber kills 7 policemen

ATTACK A suicide car bomber killed seven policemen and wounded three in an attack on a patrol in northern Iraq's Salahuddin province yesterday, police said.

The explosion in the town of Dhuluiya, 70 km north of Baghdad, was the latest in a series of attacks by militants on Iraqi forces trying gradually to take over responsibility for Iraq's security. **REUTERS**

Kashmir mourning a protester



Relatives of Imtiyaz Ahmad cry during his funeral yesterday in Srinagar, Kashmir. Imtiyaz, a Kashmiri protester was shot on Friday, passed away in a hospital yesterday evening, his relative said. The Jammu and Kashmir government said it would revoke its decision to transfer forest land to a Hindu shrine trust, a move that could defuse mass protests by Muslims across the region.

Israeli cabinet votes for prisoner swap

Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert won his cabinet's approval yesterday for a prisoner swap with Hezbollah under which two soldiers held by the Lebanese guerrilla group, and believed to be dead, would be recovered.

The seizure of army reservists Ehud Goldwasser and Eldad Regev in a July 2006 border ambush trig-

gered a month-long war in Lebanon, with Olmert ruling out talks on their return. He then relented, negotiating through a UN-appointed German mediator.

Olmert told ministers before they voted 22-3 to approve the deal that Israel believed the two soldiers did not survive their capture, cabinet sources said.

An official Israeli statement said that in the exchange, Israel would release five Lebanese gunmen and at a later stage an undisclosed number of Palestinian prisoners. Dozens of bodies of slain infiltrators and the remains of eight Hezbollah men killed in the 2006 war would also be handed over.

REUTERS

U.S. working toward Iran regime change: Report

U.S. congressional leaders agreed late last year to President George W. Bush's funding request for a major escalation of covert operations against Iran aimed at destabilizing its leadership, according to a report in The New Yorker magazine published online yesterday.

The article by Seymour Hersh, from the magazine's July 7 and 14 issue, centers on a classified Presidential Finding signed by Bush which, by U.S. law, must be made known to Democratic and Republican House and Senate leaders and ranking members of the intelligence committees.

"The Finding was focused on undermining Iran's nuclear ambitions and trying to undermine the government through regime change," the

war of words

» Iran's foreign minister said yesterday he did not believe Israel was in a position to attack his country over its nuclear program, while an Iranian general announced plans to prepare 320,000 graves for enemy soldiers.

article cited a person familiar with its contents as saying, and involved "working with opposition groups and passing money."

Hersh has written previously about possible administration plans to go to war to stop Tehran from obtaining nuclear weapons, including an April 2006 article in the New Yorker that suggested regime change in Iran was Bush's ultimate goal. **REUTERS**

» news In Brief

» DEATH A 17-year-old boy was killed by a rollercoaster at a Six Flags Inc. amusement park in Georgia on Saturday after entering a restricted area, park officials said. The teen, visiting with his church group,

was struck and killed instantly by the Batman roller coaster after scaling 6-foot fences marked by danger signs with another boy, a Six Flags spokeswoman said. **REUTERS**



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Pakistan secures Khyber

Supplies for Afghan mission travel through region

Pakistani security forces took control yesterday of a militant area in the Khyber region, a day after launching an offensive to push back gunmen threatening the city of Peshawar.

"It has been a successful operation. No collateral damage has been reported. The writ of the government has been established," top Interior Ministry official Rehman Malik said in Peshawar. "Peshawar is totally safe. We won't allow anyone to dis-



Tribesmen visit the headquarters of militant commander Mangal Bagh, which was bombed by government forces during an operation in the Khyber region near the Afghan border yesterday.

rupt the peace of the city," he told reporters.

The Khyber region is home to the Khyber Pass through which supplies for Western

forces in Afghanistan pass, but traffic from Peshawar to the border had not been affected, an official said.

The region had been virtu-

ally free of militant violence until this year, but security has deteriorated in recent months.

REUTERS

Flood levels recede in U.S. Midwest

Damage could affect world food prices for years

«The water is still up very high and it is up against levees.»

Alan Dooley,

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Levees on the cresting Mississippi River held yesterday as the worst U.S. Midwest flooding in 15 years began to ebb, but multibillion-dollar crop losses may boost world food prices for years.

Water levels on the river receded for the second straight day as mostly clear weather gave saturated areas a chance to start draining. Forecasts for similar dry weather in coming days gave further encouragement.

The swollen river was ex-

pected to crest today in St. Louis at 38.9 feet, 11 feet below the record set in 1993 and a level considered "manageable," said U.S. Army Corps of Engineers St. Louis District spokesman Alan Dooley.

"The crest in the areas up the Mississippi River in the district has passed," Dooley said. "The water is still up very high and it is up against levees."

REUTERS

Iraq commits \$100M to rebuild Sadr City

Iraq will spend \$100 million to rebuild the east Baghdad slum of Sadr City and create jobs for many of its two million residents after years of violence and neglect, a government official said yesterday.

The Shiite slum is a stronghold of anti-American cleric Moqtada al-Sadr's Mehdi Army, whose fighters clashed with U.S. and government troops there in March and April until a ceasefire halted hostilities.

"The government has ordered an allocation of \$100 million to reconstruct and develop Sadr City," Tahseen al-Sheikhli, civilian spokesman for security operations in Baghdad, said.

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»news In Brief

» **KENYA** Corruption watchdogs and senior politicians rounded on Kenyan Finance Minister Amos Kimunya yesterday over the sale of the Grand Regency, a luxury Nairobi hotel, to Libyan investors in a deal they said had the whiff of scandal.

» **SENTENCE** A New Jersey dentist behind a scheme to steal body parts from corpses, including that of British journalist Alistair Cooke, was sentenced Friday to a minimum of 18 years and a maximum of 54 years in prison.

» **OLYMPICS** China's Olympic co-host city Qingdao has appealed for help from nearby ports to contain an algae bloom that has coated large swaths of offshore waters in green muck 40 days ahead of the Games.

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China to meet Dalai Lama's envoy

July talks planned in an attempt to mend fences

China and representatives of Tibet's exiled spiritual leader the Dalai Lama will resume talks in early July, Xinhua news agency said yesterday. Chinese officials met the

Dalai Lama's representatives for talks on May 4, but further discussions originally set to start in June were postponed after an earthquake in China in May killed about 70,000 people.

The talks aim to mend fences with the Dalai Lama, who fled into exile in 1959 after an abortive uprising



Olympic protests

» China blames a "Dalai Lama clique" for violence in Tibet in March and protests that disrupted the Olympic torch relay in several countries, but the Dalai Lama has said he supports the Olympics and has called for calm during the Beijing Games.

against Chinese rule in Tibet.

Authorities announced that "relevant central government departments will

meet personal representatives of the Dalai Lama at his request in early July," Xinhua said.

Xinhua's report coincided with a visit to China by U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, under pressure to raise human rights and Tibet with Chinese officials.

The Dalai Lama says he wants autonomy for the strategic Himalayan region, but Beijing brands him a

"splittist" or separatist.

"The central authorities have kept a constant and clear policy towards the Dalai Lama," Xinhua quoted an unnamed government spokesman as saying.

"Our door is always open for dialogue with the Dalai Lama," the spokesman said.

REUTERS

Australian man's life worth \$400K

Aussie to travel, find new life after selling possessions

A man who put his life up for auction on eBay found it wasn't worth quite as much as he thought when he settled for around A\$100,000 less than his target price.

Ian Usher, 44, held the seven-day auction of all his belongings, including his three-bedroom home in the west Australian city of Perth and a trial for his job at a rug store, after the break-up of his five-year marriage.

Bids had reached as high as A\$2.2 million, only for Usher to discover there had been a glitch on eBay's system

mystery buyer

» According to the eBay website, the mystery buyer, whose user name is "mslmcc", is in Australia and has a 100 per cent feedback score.

which allowed the participation of non-registered bidders who had put in bogus offers.

In the end, the winning bidder agreed to pay A\$399,300 (about \$400,000 CDN) for all of Usher's worldly goods, which also include his friends, a motorcycle and a jetski.

Usher, who gave regular updates on the auction on his Web site www.alife4sale.com, now plans to travel in search of a new life.

REUTERS

Kathmandu playing dirty



JOMAL CHITRAKAR/REUTERS

Farmers play in mud and water while planting rice during Asar Pandhra in Tinipale, Kathmandu, yesterday. Asar Pandhra or Asar 15 is the 15th day of the third month in the Nepali calendar which most farmers in Nepal celebrate with the planting of the rice crop.

» news In Brief

» **MALAYSIA** De facto opposition leader Anwar Ibrahim took refuge at the Turkish embassy yesterday due to fears he could be assassinated after fresh accusations of sodomy. The developments come at a time of heightened political tension in Malaysia after the government's worst yet election result earlier this year put pressure on Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad

Badawi to quit.

» **COURT** Iraq said yesterday it would file lawsuits in U.S. courts against companies and individuals that "conspired to corrupt" the UN oil-for-food program. Government spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh said the government had decided to recover damages and wanted to hold accountable those who benefited illegally.

REUTERS

G8 summit protesters descend on Tokyo

Anti-G8 summit protesters danced to blaring music and marched down the streets of Tokyo in heavy rain yesterday, accusing the G8 nations of causing poverty and world instability.

The protests, which have become a fixture at G8 summits, came as Japan tightened security ahead of this

« *Issues like environmental destruction and poverty in Africa, these are all caused by the G8 governments.* »

Yu Ando, protester

year's July 7-9 gathering in Hokkaido, northern Japan.

Two separate rallies in the nation's capital gathered over 1,000 people, including anti-capitalists, labour

union members and protesters from abroad, such as Spain and South Korea.

Security was heavy with hundreds of anti-riot police guarding the streets as pro-

testers walked down Tokyo's central shopping districts.

"Issues like environmental destruction and poverty in Africa, these are all caused by the G8 governments," said Yu Ando, a 31-year-old working for a municipal government in western Japan.

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U.S.A. **doggy pride**

Tim Racer embraces Teddles, a dog rescued from Michael Vick, at the 38th annual Gay Pride parade in San Francisco, yesterday.

Fire threatens Big Sur

Nine-day-old blaze tearing through popular area

California firefighters struggled to gain the upper hand yesterday against a nine-day-old wildfire that is threatening the scenic Big Sur area

along the state's rugged central coast.

The Big Sur fire has burned about 32,500 acres and destroyed 16 homes since it was sparked by lightning June 21, the U.S. Forest Service said.

Firefighters have contained only three per cent of

333,838 acres

» A total of 31 fires were burning in California, according to the National Interagency Fire Center of

Boise, Idaho, covering 333,838 acres, an area 23 times the size of Manhattan.

the flames and the Forest Service could not estimate when the fire would be

brought under control.

A 10-mile stretch of the coastal Highway 1 was closed for a fourth day, and the community of Big Sur remained threatened. Evacuation advisories were issued throughout the area, but the local chamber of commerce said most businesses were still open.

Big Sur is heavily wooded, with steep slopes running down to the Pacific Ocean. The terrain creates one of California's most dramatic landscapes—and slow going for more than 1,000 firefighters on the scene.

Its 90-mile stretch of coastline lies between the quaint town of Carmel in the north and San Simeon, home of Hearst Castle, to the south. The area is a popular destination for campers, surfers and nature lovers. Novelist Henry Miller lived there for 18 years.

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Obama now a fashion statement

Shoppers in New York City might be excused for mistaking Barack Obama for a cult hero in the league of Bob Marley or Che Guevara because, like those youth icons, he is being marketed as a fashion item.

Retailers in Manhattan and on the Web are using creative slogans and images to profit from the image of the Democratic White House hopeful as he campaigns against Republican rival John McCain ahead of the November election.

There are campaign buttons, jewelry, teddy bears and even women's underwear thongs. And this merchandise is being sold online at unprecedented levels in a presidential campaign, according to academics and vendors.

"Young people are acting like it's some kind of revolution. He's in demand right now. He's selling better than everybody," said Union Square vendor Edwin Shan, 37, who sells T-shirts hand-painted with images of Obama.

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Rapper giving back

Bankers warn about inflation



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Nineteen-year-old Inbee Park of South Korea, left, became the youngest player to win the U.S. Women's Open with a four-shot victory yesterday in Minnesota.

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Spain reigns Europe

Torres' goal lifts his country to first title in 44 years

EURO2008

Striker Fernando Torres' brilliantly executed first-half goal gave Spain a deserved 1-0 victory over Germany yesterday as they were crowned European champions for the first time in 44 years.

Spain dominated a thrilling, end-to-end Euro 2008 final and could have won by a far more convincing margin, but Torres' 33rd minute strike was enough to bring them their first major title since their 1964 Euro success on home soil.

Just minutes after powering a header against the base of Jens Lehmann's post, Torres ran on to Xavi's through ball, sprinted around full-back Philipp Lahm and chipped a delicate shot with the inside of his right foot past the advancing keeper.

"It's a dream come true,"



Captain Iker Casillas lifts the European championship trophy after Spain defeated Germany 1-0 in the final yesterday in Vienna.

he said. "It's our first title (together) and we hope it will be the first of many. We've still got the World Cup to come, we have to be ambitious.

Germany coach Joachim Loew was gracious in de-

feat, complimenting Spain on the standard of their soccer.

"We have to accept the quality of the Spanish side tonight and their technical ability."

Forward David Villa, who

missed the final due to injury, finished as the tournament's top scorer with four goals while Spain took their unbeaten run to 22 matches and finally banished their reputation as serial under-achievers.

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Harden likely to be trade bait

MLB contenders are quietly trying to top each other with trade pitches for Rich Harden, the 27-year-old right-hander from Victoria, B.C.

The cold Harden facts:

- His contract expires after this season and the frugal Oakland A's have no intention of paying him the megabucks he'll be worth, so they've made it clear that he can be had for the right package before the July 31 trade deadline.

• He has a

«(B.C.) Lions coach Wally Buono wasn't pleased — actually, he used the word "pissed" when discussing his team's loss.»

history of injuries but clubs aren't concerned because of his excellence this month.

- In June, he has struck out 42 batters in 32 1/3 innings and his earned-run average is a remarkable 1.65.

- His most recent start, last Thursday, was a real gem in which he struck out 11 Philadelphia batters in eight innings en route to a 5-0 victory, prompting Phillies manager Charlie Manuel to say: "Harden has some of the nastiest stuff in baseball. He could be the difference maker in a pennant race."

» The CFL had a rough opening weekend, producing low-scoring and generally dull games.

The Winnipeg Blue Bombers and Hamilton Tiger-Cats scored touchdowns only once in their respective losses, while the Edmonton Eskimos couldn't produce any TDs in



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theirs.

In B.C., a quarterbacking change already seems

likely as

Lions coach Wally Buono wasn't pleased — actually, he used the word

"pissed" when discussing his team's loss. Jarious Jackson probably will start Friday night against the Saskatchewan Roughriders instead of Buck Pierce.

Buono criticized the Lions' lack of discipline in a loss to the Stampeders in Calgary Thursday night. "I'll correct this," he vowed.

» Matt Devlin is the new voice of the Toronto Raptors, sources have told Metro.

Devlin previously served as the voice of the Memphis Grizzlies and the Charlotte Bobcats. He also has worked for TNT and Fox.

He'll replace Chuck Swirsky, who's abandoning the Raps to become the Chicago Bulls' voice. Devlin has beaten out at least four Canadians for the Raptors' job.

Marty York has been a groundbreaking sports columnist and broadcaster in Canada for decades.

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» **NHL** The Tampa Bay Lightning have agreed to terms with forward Ryan Malone on a seven-year deal worth about \$31 million US, according to an Internet report. Gary Roberts also is close to signing a one-year deal with Tampa Bay that has the potential to reach \$2 million, Sportsnet.ca reports. An announcement could come as early as today.

» **GOLF** American Kenny Perry claimed his second title of the year when Woody Austin bogeyed the final hole to hand him victory at the Buick Open yesterday.

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Burnett hurls gem to help Jays soar

Starting pitcher strikes out 11

BLUE JAYS 1 BRAVES 0

Alex Rios drove in Marco Scutaro with the lone run of the game on a double in the sixth and A.J. Burnett was dominant through seven innings of work as the Blue Jays edged the Atlanta Braves in the rubber match of a three-game interleague series at Rogers Centre in Toronto.

Burnett was magnificent, allowing only four hits, while

striking out 11 and walking four. The hard-throwing right-hander, who started his career in the National League, improved to 5-9 in 17 career starts versus the Braves.

B.J. Ryan recorded his 16th save of the season.

"I felt good the whole time out there," Burnett said. "I had a really good fastball today with a lot of jump. The curveball was short and tight. I didn't bounce many and that



Burnett

shows you that it was good."

Rios finished with two doubles and Scott Rolen and Vernon Wells each doubled for Toronto, which have won five of its last seven.

Jo-Jo Reyes was the hard-luck loser. The left-hander pitched seven solid frames, giving up one run on six hits, while striking out five and walking a pair.

Gregor Blanco had two hits for the Braves, who were limited to five total hits and have dropped four of their last six games.

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Former Halifax Rainmen point guard Jermaine Anderson, right, is headed to Athens with Canada's national men's basketball team. He made the 12-man roster for a 12-country Olympic qualifying tournament starting July 15. METRO HALIFAX



What a racquet! **Acadian games in full swing**



Nova Scotia's Nick Bourque returns a shot as he and his partner Chelsea Lefort take on Gabrielle Surette and Tyler MacFarlane from New Brunswick during a mixed doubles round-robin match yesterday at the 29th Finale des Jeux de l'Acadie in Halifax. The four-day sporting and cultural event wraps up tomorrow.

Golden day for N.S. soccer

Provincial teams win 5 of 6 events

By **MATTHEW WUEST**
Metro Halifax

Nova Scotia ruled the pitch at five out of a possible six Atlantic all-star soccer championships yesterday.

Ashley Poirier netted four goals en route to tournament MVP honours at Mainland Common to lift Nova Scotia's under-14 team to a 5-0 blanking of P.E.I. in the gold-medal game of the Aliant Cup championships.

Emily Lerette scored the other goal and Morgan Hartlin and Lauren Chamberlain shared the shutout.

In boys under-14 play at Mainland Common, Jack Schembri had the lone goal as

Nova Scotia beat New Brunswick 1-0 in the gold-medal game. Schembri won tournament MVP and Pieter Heerschoep had the shutout.

In under-13 play in Moncton, Tessa Fudge scored twice and Anthi Veletas buried a single as the girls downed Newfoundland 3-1. The boys tasted gold with a 2-0 blanking of P.E.I.

In under-16 play at Charlottetown, the boys edged New Brunswick 1-0 with a goal from Pat Reddick and a shutout from Jason Ross. The girls cruised past Newfoundland 4-1.

In under-15 play at Corner Brook, N.L., the Nova Scotian girls cruised to a 12-0 romp over P.E.I., while the boys lost 2-1 to Newfoundland on penalty kicks.

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Laser blast coming to town

Large sailing event to showcase sport

By **MATTHEW WUEST**
Metro Halifax

The St. Margaret Sailing Club has been named host of next year's world laser sailing championships, marking the first time the event has been held in Canada in 28 years.

The event is one of the

world's largest and highest-profile dinghy regattas and will be held from Aug. 17 to Sept. 5, the club announced at a press conference on Friday.

The laser worlds and laser masters (35 and older) worlds will be held simultaneously and will draw close to 500 competitors.

Event co-chair Barbara Pike called the laser worlds the "largest sailing event ever held in eastern Canada."

"The waters of St. Margarets Bay offer what are considered some of the best water and wind for the sport in North America," said Canadian Yachting Association president Gerry Giffin. "The laser worlds will provide a showcase for the natural assets this province has to offer the sport for future international competitions, national high performance training, as well as anyone interested in the sport."

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» **MOTORSPORTS** Dartmouth's Terry Steeves placed 19th at the second race of the Parts Canada Superbike season in Calgary yesterday. Clint McBain of Cochrane, Alta., took the title.

» **MOTORSPORTS** Kent Vincent of Crapaud, P.E.I., won the Parts for Trucks 100 in Oyster Bed Bridge, P.E.I., on Saturday. It was his first win of the Carquest Pro Stock Tour season.

» **HOCKEY** Andrew White and Justin Pender of the Halifax Mooseheads captured gold with Canada at the world ball hockey championships in St. John's, N.L., yesterday.

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Canadians easily tame Bearcats to stay on roll

The Halifax Pelham Canadians continued to roll with a 4-1 win over the host Truro Bearcats yesterday.

The Canadians, in search of their first Nova Scotia Senior Baseball League title since 1992, have won seven of their past eight games after struggling out of the gates with a 2-6 record.

Despite the Canadians' success, they remain a game behind five-time defending champion Dartmouth Moosehead Dry.

Dartmouth solidified its

hold on top spot with a three-game weekend sweep of the Sydney Sooners at Beazley Field.

The Dry, now 9-5, dominated Sydney in a pair of 11-1 wins and squeaked out a 4-3 triumph in the other contest.

The Sooners are a league-worst 4-14.

Dartmouth hosts the Kentville Wildcats on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at Beazley Field in the only game in metro this week.

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More Canadian fathers are embracing parenthood and taking time off to care for their young children, a Statistics Canada study released recently suggests.

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Employment crisis looming

N.S. job market may witness 9,000 vacancies

By JON TATTRIE
for Metro Halifax

We need to start producing 14-year-old babies to deal with the coming recruitment crisis.

Eddie Lemoine offered this mischievous bit of advice at a talk he recently gave to Halifax businesspeople at the NSCC's waterfront campus. But the problem is no joke; there could be up to 9,000 job vacancies in the coming years.

"We know that it is staggering, what will happen as more and more of the baby boomers start to retire," the executive coach said. "If you look at public sectors, very large pieces of that workforce will retire. There's just

not enough (workers to fill the gap)."

The solution, he says, is bringing immigrants in, keeping Nova Scotians here, and increasing productivity in the workplace.

The last comparable trend was urbanization, when rural communities lost their young populations to cities. In that case, they were at least leaving because there were no jobs.

"In the case of people leaving to go out west, they're leaving when there are jobs, but they may be leaving for more money," Lemoine said.

To keep employees here, employers need to get them more engaged.

"That's really understand-

ing what empowers or strengthens your employees," he explained. "That could be more money, more vacation, or getting staff involved in the firm's plans to improve its green record."

Another key front in retaining Nova Scotians is the human resources departments.

"They have to become the next marketing department. They have to

market their company based on their product — the company itself is the product."

Just as sales departments chase the elusive customer, HR departments will be tasked with chasing the increasingly scarce resource of workers.

"The numbers are in. This is real. As people retire, the

population doesn't go away — the workforce goes away. They still need to be cared for, they still need to be serviced," he noted. The retired boomers are going to continue to shop, drive cars, take vacations and use hospitals. Someone's got to be staffing those facilities. "They're still going to need all the things they currently need; they're just not going to be working."

And the Go West, young person, mantra might soon be replaced by Go North-east: to Newfoundland.

"For the first time in ten years, in the last quarter more people moved into Newfoundland than moved out," Lemoine said.

The strong cultural connections Newfoundlanders already feel for their province means that workforce won't be coming here in the future.

"For the X and Y genera-

retiring trend

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Eddie Lemoine is concerned about the perceived employment crisis that's to come after so many baby boomers retire.

tions, if you just sit tight, it's going to get better for you," he concluded. "(Employers) will have to start to pay more. It's no different than if

you have something rare you're selling. In this case, the rarity is the employee. You're going to have to pay more to get it."

Hunting for careers, on a galactic scale

Jobs in space attainable for all, MacLean says

By RAFAEL BRUSILOV
for Metro Halifax

Renowned Canadian astronaut Steve MacLean wants Canadians to know a career in space isn't out of their reach.

The well-travelled space explorer, famous for having flown space flights aboard space shuttles Columbia and Atlantis, hit the road re-

cently to convince Canadians that they have what it takes to be the newest additions to the Canadian Space Agency's (CSA) flying roster.

MacLean's road crusade comes on the heels of the announcement by Jim Prentice, minister of Industry Canada, that the CSA will recruit two new astronauts for upcoming space flight missions to the moon and Mars.

Though the odds seem steep — two positions out of an entire country of potential applicants — MacLean is adamant that qualified people shouldn't discount themselves too quickly. He believes plenty of suitable astronaut candidates lurk within Canada right now.

"The talent that is out there in this country today speaks well to our future. There are hundreds of Canadians out there who can do this job," MacLean said.

Both eventual candidates will serve at least 10 years in the CSA and be trained for



RAFAEL BRUSILOV/FOR METRO HALIFAX

Astronaut Steve MacLean says he never thought he had it in him to go to space.

the planned 2018 NASA mission to the moon. That trip will also serve as a testing ground for the equipment and technologies expected to make possible a later trip to Mars.

When looking for poten-

tial applicants, MacLean says that while smarts and skills are a good sign of talent (astronaut candidates should be particularly strong in sciences), people who are open-minded and who work well with others

have a better chance of being considered. Training will take care of the rest.

"You have to be versatile, you have to work in a team. We need people who are balanced, people who have good communication skills. You can't expect anyone to already have what it takes but the training is so good that if you have an aptitude for it you'll develop into a competent astronaut," MacLean said.

Besides the two chosen astronauts, the CSA is looking to develop a pool of 20 outstanding candidates for future service as well.

MacLean admits that the joy of space flight is likely to be a big draw for applicants and rightly so, since he considers his trips to space probably the greatest experiences of his life. He says weightlessness is a feel-

« You can't expect anyone to already have what it takes but the training is so good that if you have an aptitude for it you'll develop into a competent astronaut. »

Canadian astronaut
Steve MacLean

ing unlike any other.

"Every single muscle relaxes when you're flying in space. You will love it. It will become a part of you and something you will never forget," MacLean said.

MacLean hopes the upcoming missions will signal a newfound focus on space travel.

"I think we're at a turning point in the world. The future will be what we make of it," he said.

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» MacLean, now 53, himself thought he had no chance of becoming an astronaut nearly 25 years ago but fatefully applied anyways.

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Take heed, Facebook fans

Networking sites can work against your employment

Facebook has grown in popularity — so much so, that a growing number of organizations have restricted access to the site from work. And, in my view, there is good reason to do so, as employees are too easily confusing freedom of speech with freedom from workplace consequences.

As Facebook's popularity continues to rise, so will the number of ex-employees looking for new work along with seeing

their names on the front page of one of my statements of claim. Employees should, therefore, be more concerned about losing their jobs, instead of simply losing access to the site:

» Spending an inordinate amount of time on Facebook while at work is tantamount to theft of an employer's time, which can amount to cause for dismissal. Employees flirt with friends, post pictures and chat.

» When Facebook postings reveal unsavoury characteristics, employees can be fired. I've had two such cases. In one, the employee's pictures of her messy workstation irked her employer so much, she was immediately dismissed. In the other, a large retail chain fired a store manager after he posted a link to a video of himself that was taken when he was off-duty, but in company uniform.

» Comments written on Facebook can link the author to his employer, de-

spite an unintended connection. Because workers are invited to disclose their place of employment and then are automatically linked with registered co-workers, employees' unmonitored comments can potentially compromise a company's

reputation, trade secrets, or its competitive advantage — even if the reader mistakenly construes a posting as having been authorized by the company. Given the value placed on confidential information, courts are more likely to respect an employer's decision to precipitously fire an employee whose post-

ing compromised a competitive advantage. » Criminal laws can also be invoked if employees harass or intimidate coworkers via Facebook. These employees can end up surf-

ing the classifieds for a criminal defence lawyer, as well as for a new job. » Similar to an e-mail, a Facebook posting can be used as evidence in court. In September, an Ontario court ruled, for the first time, that pictures taken from a litigant's Facebook page were admissible as evidence at a trial. Offensive comments, pictures or stories can become incontrovertible evidence of an employee's behaviour.

» Facebook profiles and postings created and maintained outside of working hours and on employees' personal time can quickly derail an employee's career, if the content brings his or her employer's reputation into disrepute.



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If Mother Nature co-operates, fireworks will start over Halifax Harbour at 10 p.m. on Canada Day. The rain date is Friday night.

City's ready to celebrate Canada

By DEAN LISK
Metro Halifax

She may be turning 141 years old tomorrow, but Canada is wearing her age with pride. Here is a sampling of some of the events taking place around Halifax to mark Canada Day.

BEDFORD DAYS

The annual weeklong festival ends on Canada Day with a pancake breakfast and a teddy bear picnic in the morning. Fireworks will mark the conclusion of a day. All events are at DeWolf Park. www.bedford-days.ca

CASINO NOVA SCOTIA

A legendary Canadian band will rock in the holiday with a special performance in the Schooner Showroom. Trooper will start to raise a little hell — as its well-known song goes — at 8 p.m. www.casinonovascotia.com



The Ozscot Dancers will be among the Royal N.S. International Tattoo performers taking part in a Canada Day parade.

D250 BAND COMPETITION

Youth bands from across the area will compete for a coveted People's Choice Award, \$250, and an opportunity to perform at a municipal

event. The competition starts at Alderney Landing at 3 p.m.

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Halifax include pancake breakfasts at Alderney Landing and Grand Parade at 8 a.m., family events of Halifax Common, and a special ceremony at The Citadel at 11 a.m. Alderney Landing will also be the location of a free concert featuring Asia & NuGruv, The Barra MacNeils, and The Matt Minglewood Band. www.hrmcanadaday.ca

PIER 21

The national historic site will celebrate Canada Day with an official citizenship ceremony and its annual Multicultural Village Fair. Visit www.pier21.ca for details.

ROYAL NOVA SCOTIA INTERNATIONAL TATTOO

The show starts its eight-day run with a parade winding from South Park Street, down Spring Garden Road, and along Brunswick Street. It starts at 10:30 a.m. and will feature more than two dozen acts, in-

cluding the Trinidad and Tobago Steel Orchestra and the Ozscot Dancers. The parade will be followed by a 2:30 p.m. matinee performance in the Metro Centre. www.nstatattoo.ca

SACKVILLE PATRIOT DAYS

The community will start dominion celebrations with a 9 a.m. parade along Sackville Drive, followed by a flag raising at Fultz House Museum. New citizens will be sworn in at the Sackville Legion at 3 p.m. www.patriotdays.ca

SHAKESPEARE BY THE SEA

The outdoor theatre company's season starts Canada Day with a 7 p.m. premiere performance of the family show, Cinderella. It is a western-version of the classic tale of Cinderella — and with a cowgirl boat instead of a glass slipper. It takes place at Point Pleasant Park's Cambridge Battery. shakespearebythesea.ca

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Coldplay's Viva on top

Brit band leads U.S., U.K. charts with new record

Coldplay keeps the top soil fertile on the Billboard 200, as Viva La Vida or Death and All His Friends opens with 721,000 sold.

With that U.S. splash, the British band ices the No. 1 slot on both sides of the Atlantic as it holds court for a

second week on the U.K. albums chart. Coming a week after Lil Wayne joined the million-per-week club with Tha Carter III, Coldplay's American splash invokes a few "first since" chart feats.

This marks the first time since March 2005 that the Billboard 200 was led by a 700,000-plus sum in consecutive weeks. The last occasion happened when 50 Cent's The Massacre sold 1.1

million in its first frame, then 771,000 in its second.

The parlay from Lil Wayne, now No. 2 with 308,000 sold, to Coldplay also represents just the second time in Nielsen SoundScan history that two different albums open north of 700,000 in back-to-back weeks. Britney Spears' Oops! ... I Did It Again and Eminem's The Marshall Mathers LP accomplished that feat in May 2000, when they each started with million-plus weeks.

Following a 2005 start of 737,000 for X&Y, Coldplay also becomes the first act to field weeks of 700,000-plus copies on consecutive albums since September and the first band or group to do so since 2001.

Similar to the battle of divas that happened a couple of months ago, when Mariah Carey's E=MC2 had a bigger U.S. number while Madonna's Hard Candy had larger global success, with more No. 1s scored outside the United States, Coldplay has more of an impact on



Chris Martin of Coldplay.

Billboard's Hits of the World charts than Lil Wayne did.

The band's Viva goes No. 1 in 18 of the global territories tracked by Billboard. With 15 of those aces notched in Europe, the set also leads the Euro Albums chart.

By contrast, Canada was the only country outside the States where Lil Wayne's Tha Carter III went No. 1. Its highest rank outside North America was a No. 11 start in Portugal.

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»news In Brief

» **FREE SHOWS** Spring Garden Road will come a live with free music with the start of the Atlantic Jazz Festival next month. The event — it runs July 11 through 19 — will feature a series of free afternoon shows. A line-up has just been announced, and will include Zumbini Circus, Samba Nova, The Canadian Primos and others. Visit jazzeast.com for a full schedule.

» **VOLUNTEERS** The Atlantic Jazz Festival is still looking for volunteers to help with the weeklong event. Music fans are needed to work site crew, set up and strike down, security and the festival's green team. Visit jazzeast.com for more information.

» **THEATRE** Neptune Theatre has hired a number of well-known directors to helm its first shows of the 2008-09 season. Most notable is Shaw Festival artistic director Christopher Newton, who will direct George Bernard Shaw's classic The Devil's Disciple. Former Black Harbour actor Joseph Ziegler will direct Frost/Nixon, and Ron Ulrich — Neptune's recently departed artistic director — will direct Doubt, A Parable. The new season starts this September.

» **ART** Visual Arts Nova Scotia is now accepting applications for its 2008 awards. The awards will be given to an artist, educator and

emerging artist of the year, and to a person who has made a significant contribution to the arts. For more information and nomination forms, visit vans.ednet.ns.ca.

» **BOX OFFICE** Animation giant Pixar hit the box office jackpot once again as its robot love story WALL-E snagged the No. 1 spot during its first weekend of release across North America, Reuters reports. The movie, bolstered by near-unanimous critical praise, earned an estimated \$62.5 million in its first three days, said Pixar's Walt Disney Co parent. Meanwhile, Angelina Jolie scored a personal best with the violent assassination thriller Wanted, which opened at No. 2 with a better-than-expected \$51.1 million, said distributor Universal Pictures.

» **MUSIC** Aerosmith fans can finally get their chance to step into the shoes of Steven Tyler and Joe Perry as video game developer Activision Inc released its Guitar Hero: Aerosmith game Friday, Reuters reports. The game features 30 of the band's most notable hits such as Love in an Elevator and Sweet Emotion. It also includes songs from various artists Aerosmith worked with over the years, including Run D.M.C.'s Walk This Way and Joan Jett's I Hate Myself for Loving You.

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Cooper's Town Productions, the New York-based production company co-founded by actor Philip Seymour Hoffman, left, has signed a deal with Overture Films, the studio behind acclaimed art-house hit *The Visitor*. The firms have set *Unconditional* as their first project.

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festival circuit

Wenders to chair jury at Venice fest



Wenders

FILM The acclaimed German director Wim Wenders will chair the jury of this year's Venice film festival, organizers said Friday. Wenders is perhaps best known for his films *The Buena Vista Social Club* (1998) and *Paris, Texas* (1984) both of which won international awards.

He is already a darling of the Venice festival, winning its Golden Lion prize in 1982 with his film *The State Of Things* about a shoestring movie producer and his rag-tag crew. He first appeared at the Lido in 1972 with the *Goalkeeper's Fear Of The Penalty Kick*. The festival runs from Aug 27 to Sept 6.

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Penning the hip-hop tell-all

Former stripper writes about her whirlwind marriage to Mos Def

While kiss-and-tell books have been a staple of rock 'n' roll, it's early days for the genre in hip hop. Bestowed with the industry nickname Superhead, former music video performer and Virgin Islands native Karrine Steffans got the ball rolling in 2005 with her New York Times best-seller *Confessions Of A Video Vixen* which explicitly detailed dalliances with entertainers such as Sean "Diddy" Combs, Jay-Z and Dr. Dre.

New Yorker Carmen Bryan followed with 2006's *It's No Secret*, which outlined her relationship with her daughter's father, rapper Nas, whom she two-timed for five years with his rival Jay-Z, and on occasion with basketball star Allen Iverson.

Now a Canadian woman in getting in on the action. One-time stripper Alana Wyatt-Smith, 29, who has a



Alana Wyatt-Smith, who had a whirlwind marriage to hip-hop artist Mos Def, has written a book about her experiences in the world of hip-hop.

seven-year-old son with Toronto hip-hop artist Saukrates, has penned *Breaking The Code Of Silence*, a memoir examining her 2005 marriage to American MC-turned-actor-Mos Def, three days after they met, as well as encounters with various professional athletes and celebs.

She also recounts a rough-and-tumble upbringing that included childhood sexual abuse by a relative and being beaten into a coma by a violent boyfriend as a teenager.

RIK MADONIK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Wyatt-Smith would prefer to distance her book from that of Steffans and Bryan, insisting that it's not an exposé, because she disguises the identities of the bulk of her lovers. (Another key difference is that the Americans' books were released by reputable publishing houses and consequently don't suffer the errors in spelling, grammar and coherency that plague her self-published narrative).

"I disagree with putting names of people in there, just out of respect for their wives and children," said Wyatt-Smith. "If this was about making money, getting rich, I could have wrote a tell-all book, 10 times better than Karrine Steffans ... I use nicknames, initials, that myself and the gentleman would know; the ones named I got permission from."

Except, of course, for the biggest fish, Mos Def, legally named Dante Smith. Torstar News Service tried unsuccessfully to reach the 34-year-old Brooklyn native for comment

through his record label, booking agent and entertainment lawyer. Highly rated for his socio-political stance and distinctively mumbling flow, Mos Def also fronts a hip-hop-jazz big band and is an actor who appeared in films such as *Monster's Ball* and *Be Kind Rewind*.

In her book, Wyatt-Smith, who previously supported herself as an exotic dancer, model and video music performer (Snoop Dogg's *Drop It Like It's Hot*), recounts how they were married at Toronto City Hall on Aug. 17, 2005, just several days after they met. Within six weeks, the couple had attended Fashion Week in New York, the MTV Video Music Awards in Miami, purchased a \$850,000 house — and separated. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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movies

New film follows the path of 300

WAR The producers of 300 are taking another trip to an epic battlefield. Gianni Nunnari and Mark Canton will produce War Of Gods, a story with a similar tone to the last year's ancient saga, which earned more than \$450 million US worldwide. War Of Gods concerns the battles waged by Theseus, a warrior from Greek mythology, who leads a fight against imprisoned titans. It will be shot by music videos veteran Tarsem, who directed Jennifer Lopez in The Cell.

television

Goldblum joins Law & Order

CASTING Actor Jeff Goldblum has joined Law & Order: Criminal Intent, replacing Chris Noth who is leaving the crime drama after three seasons. Goldblum, whose salary is said to be about \$250,000 US an episode, will split starring duties with co-lead Vincent D'Onofrio the way D'Onofrio did with Noth. "Jeff's presence will add a new dimension to an already successful show," Law & Order chief Dick Wolf said.

people

Fawcett, O'Neal's son admits guilt

DRUG CHARGES The son of Farrah Fawcett and Ryan O'Neal has admitted to driving under the influence of drugs and to possessing heroin and crystal meth, BBC Online reports. Police arrested Redmond O'Neal on Jan. 26 after they caught him speeding in Malibu, Calif. The 23-year-old has been placed on three years' probation and was fined \$1,700 US. The judge ordered O'Neal to attend a drug treatment program until another hearing next month.

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Networks work to woo Leno

Don't pity Jay Leno. The host of NBC's The Tonight Show is losing his home of 17 years in 2009, but Leno finds himself in an enviable position. Still packing the ratings punch that delivers the lion's share of NBC's estimated \$300 million US in annual late-night revenue, the comic is being wooed by a host of suitors. ABC, Fox, Sony and even CNN have been reported trying to lure Leno, and he won't come cheap: NBC pays him \$27 million per year. Little did the Peacock know back in 2004 when then-NBC Universal TV president Jeff Zucker guaranteed Conan O'Brien he would take Leno's job five years later the succession would turn late-night on its ear. It's a situation unthinkable back in the 1992-93 season, when an earlier round of late-night wars deposited Leno in Johnny Carson's chair instead of David Letterman, whose Late Show on CBS has trailed the Tonight audience.

With Leno's future fast becoming the industry's favourite guessing game, The Hollywood Reporter

weighs his options (in descending order of likelihood).

Option 1: Leno takes ABC's 11:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. time slot occupied by Nightline and Jimmy Kimmel Live! ABC is Leno's most likely destination. ABC would have to kill the venerable Nightline, however, a move that drew strong criticism six years ago when the Alphabet tried to woo Letterman.

Option 2: Leno launches a show on Fox at 11 or 11:30 p.m. The top-rated late-night host could give the top-rated network its best shot to expand its primetime rule to late-night. But Fox doesn't program late-night, so it would face an additional challenge of getting the time back from its stations, which air off-net series or more local news after their 10-11 p.m. newscasts. **Option 3:** Sony Pictures TV puts Leno in syndication. Arsenio Hall proved in the 1990s syndication was a viable route to late-night. However, Leno apparently enjoys the support system of a major broadcast network, and a syndication deal would not



Jay Leno

likely provide the head-to-head battle with O'Brien and Letterman.

Option 4: Leno stays put on NBC... somehow. NBC is offering Leno every other programming variation under the sun to stay — morning shows, afternoon shows, primetime specials. Not only would it prevent the host from competing against O'Brien, but it also would provide an ace in the

hole should Tonight take a hard ratings fall under O'Brien — not entirely unlike how NBC kept Tom Brokaw in the mix after he left the anchor chair.

Option 5: Leno cools his heels for a year and re-emerges on CBS in 2010. Retaining Letterman allows CBS to boast a stable late-night lineup to advertisers while competitors manage the post-Leno shakeup. But Letterman's contract expires in 2010, which isn't as far off as it might seem. If Letterman asks to renew his contract for much more than the \$30-odd million a year he's already making, CBS Corp. president and CEO Leslie Moonves could play up possibly luring Leno.

Option 6: Leno joins Larry King as a CNN host. Leno has surfaced on various lists of replacements for King, whose recent contract renewal through 2010 has done little to scotch rumours CNN is searching for his successor. The cabler has publicly denied this scenario.

Option 7: Leno will retire to full-time stand-up in 2010.

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critics' corner

Robson Arms

"Stuck in the middle with you." Robson Arms dwellers appear to be caught in a civil war, with one side wanting condos and the other preferring things as they are. Fred (Haig Sutherland) is persuaded by an old friend to pressure one of the residents to change sides. But when he finds out why his buddy encouraged him to do it, Fred must come up with an ingenious plan to fix things in the season finale, "Hero." 9:30 PM on CJCH



Asteroid Tracker

Some jobs just sound more fun than others. "Daily Planet" co-host Jay Ingram hosts this documentary that takes a look at asteroids and whether or not Earth is destined to be destroyed by one. Those interviewed include "violent impact specialist" Jay Melosh, who only needs 10 years warning to save the world; amateur astronomer Roy Tucker, who helps track asteroids; and nuclear researcher Mark Boslough, who studies past collisions. 8 PM on DISCOVERY

City Chase

Considering the stationary nature of urban dwellings, no one is actually chasing a city here. What are moving are the participants in this physical challenge, which involves games such as field-goal kicking, navigating an obstacle course and asking strangers for assistance. Competitions take place in nine cities, with the final race taking place in a to-be-announced location. 8:30 PM on CBC

House

This guy's not having an identity crisis; he just picks up identities wherever he can find them. House (Hugh Laurie) and his team are baffled by a John Doe with a mysterious ailment and an uncanny ability to "mirror" what the people around him are thinking and feeling. As Chase (Jesse Spencer) takes bets on which fellowship applicant will be fired next, House adjusts to the return of Foreman (Omar Epps) to his department in "Mirror, Mirror." 10 PM on CIHF, FOX

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Celebrity Buzz

Blame it on boredom

Amy speaks: Amy Winehouse insists her problems with drugs and alcohol stem from "boredom" and feeling like she has "nothing to live for," female-first.co.uk reports. In a rare interview with Rolling Stone magazine, the

Back To Black hitmaker reveals that after her husband Blake Fielder-Civil was jailed on charges of assault and perverting the course of justice in November 2007, she felt like her life wasn't worth living.

The Grammy award-winning singer subsequently cancelled her U.K. tour and ended up in rehab in an attempt to kick her addictions. She was also treated at a London hospital for traces of emphysema last week. And Winehouse blames her downward spiral into drink and drugs on her unhappy state. She says, "To be honest, my husband's away, I'm bored, I'm young. I felt like there was nothing to live for. It's just been a low ebb." But the star insists that although she was treated at a London clinic in March, she doesn't feel like she has fully completed a rehab program.

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Ruben ties the knot

WEDDING BELLS American Idol's Season 2 winner Ruben Studdard married Surata Zuri McCants in his hometown of Birmingham, Ala., on Saturday with 20 groomsmen at his side, People.com reports.

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No new 90210 for Luke Perry

CASTING Former Beverly Hills, 90210 heartthrob Luke Perry has dismissed reports he is reprising his role in the new version of the show. Former castmates

Tori Spelling and Jennie Garth will appear in the spinoff. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



Celebrity brief

SEX TAPE A sex tape allegedly featuring Verne Troyer has been pulled from a celebrity website by court orders, imdb.com reports. The diminutive actor/comic filed a \$20-million lawsuit against TMZ.com Friday, accusing the site of violating his rights by publishing and airing extracts from the film.

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celebrity brief

Gyllenhaal moves in with Witherspoon

PEOPLE Reese Witherspoon and Jake Gyllenhaal have moved in together, female-first.co.uk reports. Jake recently moved into Reese's \$5-million US Los Angeles home fuelling rumours the couple are planning to wed. A source said: "Marriage is definitely what they are working toward." The pair have become so close Jake is even helping raise Reese's two children — eight-year-old Ava and four-year-old Deacon — from her marriage to Ryan Phillippe. A friend of Reese's added to Us Weekly magazine: "They literally don't want to spend any time away from each

other." Oscar-winner Reese and Brokeback Mountain star Jake have been dating for a year after meeting on the set of the film Rendition. Although they initially denied rumours

they were an item, they eventually went public last October after they were seen enjoying a romantic weekend break in Rome.

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Uma engaged

MARRIAGE Uma Thurman is engaged to her multimillionaire boyfriend, Arpad Busson, her rep has confirmed to People. On Saturday, the couple themselves made the announcement, on page 75 of London's The Times.

In return for saying yes, the actress received an eight-plus carat center stone surrounded by 20 smaller stones.

The pair began dating last summer after attending a private dinner together in Milan.

It would be the third marriage for Thurman, who has a son and daughter with ex Ethan Hawke, whom she divorced in 2003.

Her marriage to Gary Oldman ended in 1992. Busson has two sons with former supermodel Elle Macpherson, from whom he split in 2005.

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Celebrity brief



FAMILY RIFT? Britney Spears is furious over her mother's plan to release a book about her, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The disagreement is said to be so severe Britney initially refused to be present when her younger sister Jamie Lynn gave birth earlier this month because she didn't want to see Lynne. A source added to Britain's Closer magazine: "Britney feels that just as she is moving forward, her mom is dragging her back."

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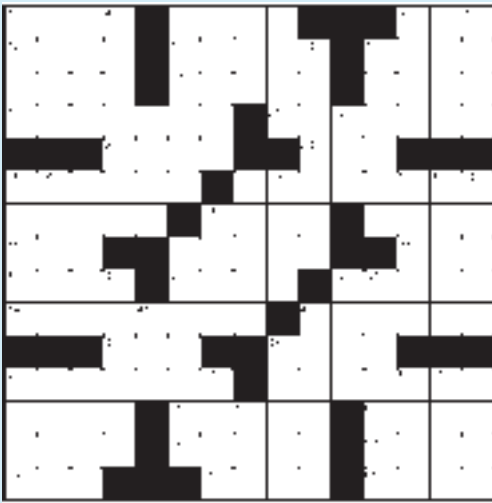
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| 1 — -a-brac | 30 Writer — Toffler |
| 2 Humdinger | 31 Relaxed |
| 3 Depletes | 32 Mombasa's country |
| 4 Begin again | 36 Brando's "— Zapata!" |
| 5 Horus' father | 37 Sprinkling |
| 6 Sorts | 40 Like city air |
| 7 Lipstick color | 42 Student quarters |
| 8 With, to Maurice | 43 Unpaid debts |
| 9 Mystique | 45 — de cologne |
| 10 Trail on the ground | 46 Stops |
| 11 Kruger or Preminger | 48 Lumber flaws |
| 14 Museum display | 49 Act worried |
| 15 Pleasure craft | 50 Swelled heads |
| 20 Not in harbor | 51 Agrees silently |
| 22 Aloof | 52 Standard of behavior |
| 25 Monsieur's gesture | 54 Beech or oak |
| 26 Zen poem | 55 Petri-dish contents |
| 27 Vail competitor | 56 Snead's game |
| 28 Cut at an angle | 59 Dundee refusal |
| 29 Shortly | |

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| 1 Fog up | 25 Passes around | 47 Grain morsel |
| 5 Gumbo pods | 28 Early speech (2 wds.) | 48 TV chef Graham — |
| 9 Big fuss | 33 — la vista! | 49 South Pole denizen |
| 12 Trick | 34 Part of Caesar's boast | 53 Convention handout |
| 13 Spaghetti drainer | 35 Wild plum | 57 Thrilled |
| 15 Tentlike dwelling | 36 Snag | 58 Taboos (hyph.) |
| 16 Cousteau's islands | 37 Piece of turf | 60 Jason's ship |
| 17 Directory | 38 Wernher — Braun | 61 Buffalo Bill — |
| 18 Smell — — | 39 Luau strings | 62 Hearth |
| 19 Eclair filling | 41 Pizzeria must | 63 Actual |
| 21 The Loop location | 42 "Blondie" pooch | 64 Dangerous curve |
| 23 Garage sale tag (2 wds.) | 44 Dark gray | 65 Muddle |
| 24 I, for Wolfgang | 46 Eye part | 66 Medieval labourer |

previous answer



HOROSCOPE



ARIES | March 21-April 20

The people in charge are relying on you to dazzle them. A drama queen enjoys being strange. A thief is caught in the act.



TAURUS | April 21-May 21

An outsider won't appreciate your humour. A dream will be refreshing. Play with a special friend at night.



GEMINI | May 22-June 21

A love opportunity comes this afternoon. A sweetie protects you from criticism. A guy needs emotional support from you.



CANCER | June 22-July 22

It's time to befriend a compassionate soul. Be gentle with someone who responds truthfully. A loser is a winner.



LEO | July 23-Aug. 23

A satisfying surrender in a love life is necessary. Location matters while whispering tender words. It's a peak period for problem solving.



VIRGO | Aug. 24-Sept. 22

No harm will come to a threatened group. Take time to process information. An extreme reaction is not your fault.



LIBRA | Sep. 23-Oct. 23

Common sense is useless in a discussion. Believe the best about a fascinating anecdote. Someone will miss a chance.



SCORPIO | Oct. 24-Nov. 22

Time is of the essence in a legal case. Someone else's love affair causes distress. It's a bad idea to throw your weight around.



SAGITTARIUS | Nov. 23-Dec. 21

An intriguing person should be investigated. A freebie comes your way. Someone pulls the plug on planned repairs.



CAPRICORN | Dec. 22-Jan. 20

Count on an ambitious person to improve matters. Avoid injuring your neck. A home-maker makes a harsh house call.



AQUARIUS | Jan. 21-Feb. 18

Be brave enough to be hopeful. Avoid encounters with shallow people. Someone will say yes to your request.



PISCES | Feb. 19-Mar. 20

Don't joke when discussing a job. A friend wants to make complaints. An accommodation issue comes to a head. **AVATAR VENUS**

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Friday's answer

2. 5/9 is 7/8 of 8/7
3. 10/9 is 7/8 of 8/7
4. 10/9 is 7/8 of 8/7
5. 10/9 is 7/8 of 8/7
6. 10/9 is 7/8 of 8/7

8		6		3	5			4
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instructions»

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

solve time»

Under 13 minutes
13-17 minutes
17-21
21-25
More than 25

Genius
Scholar
Smart
Pretty good
Keep practising

previous answer

9	4	7	2	8	5	3	1	6
6	3	5	1	4	7	2	9	8
1	8	2	9	3	6	7	4	5
4	7	1	3	6	8	9	5	2
8	2	6	5	9	1	4	3	7
3	5	9	7	2	4	6	8	1
5	1	3	6	7	9	8	2	4
2	6	4	8	1	3	5	7	9
7	9	8	4	5	2	1	6	3

Halifax weather

Afternoon



40%
Showers.
21°

Tonight



90%
Showers.
16°

Tuesday



70%
Rain.
22° / 15°

Wednesday



Variable.
21° / 14°

Thursday



Sunny.
22° / 17°



Temperature
Normals
High: 20.7°
Low: 11.7°

Records
High: 32.3°/1997
Low: 7.5°/1996

Sunrise: 5:32 a.m.
Sunset: 9:03 p.m.
Moonrise: 2:31 a.m.
Moonset: 6:59 p.m.

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This Day IN HISTORY

June 30, 1905: Albert Einstein publishes the article On the Electrodynamics of Moving Bodies, where he introduces special relativity.

June 30, 1912: The Regina Cyclone hits Regina, Saskatchewan, killing 28. It remains Canada's deadliest

tornado event.

June 30, 1987: The Royal Canadian Mint introduces the \$1 coin, known as the Loonie.

June 30, 2005: Spain legalizes same-sex marriage.

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